

**2011 WINE LIST**

“There’s one thing that I don’t get,” said a friend of mine many years ago. “Wine tastes like cherries, pears, apples, even pomegranates. How come it almost never tastes like grapes?”

It was a question that I have not forgotten. It’s ironic that wine, which by nature ought to taste like grapes, usually doesn’t. Instead, it can taste like all sorts of unexpected things from leather boots to pineapple. In part, the reason lies in the mind-bending complex process of fermentation, when all kinds of chemical transformations take place. Many compounds we know exist in other contexts are created. Diacetyl, for example, the compound that makes butter taste buttery, can be created.

And if it is, then the wine literally tastes buttery.

Wine, in fact, seems to have no vocabulary of its own; we use the language of food, nature, and even fabrics. A wine can be raspberry-like, earthy or silky ~ (as in the case of many Pinot Noirs) all three.

That said, I have put together a list of just a few words and brief descriptions.  
Hopefully, this will help you in your quest for tasting new wines.

**- JACK KAHILL**

**BODY**

Wines are described as full or light bodies, depending on how they are on your tongue. Imagine, for example, the relative weights of skim milk, whole milk and half & half. Light bodied, medium bodied and full bodied wine correspond. But don’t mistake body for flavor intensity. A light bodied wine can still be extremely intense in flavor, the way a sorbet is.

**TANNIN**

A compound found in grape skins, a tannin gives wine a firm structure. It also serves as a preservative helping a good wine to age gracefully and, in the right proportion, helps with balance.  
Is primarily responsible for the “bitter” taste in some wines.

**LEGS**

Term used when referring to the liquid rivulets that form on the glass when swirling the wine to evaluate the alcohol concentration present. Usually the higher the alcohol content, the more impressive the rivulets appear because of reduced surface tension. Many wines have multiple layers of flavors and aromas, each sip reveals something you didn’t notice before.  
Complex wines are far more fascinating than their simple wine counterparts .

**TOAST**

Many wines that have been fermented and/or aged in new oak barrels take on a toasty character not unlike buttered toast. The reason: during the barrel making process, the oak staves are toasted over fire to make them more malleable. While many wine drinkers like the toastiness (especially in Chardonnay), wines that taste exclusively of toast are poorly made. Long wines have flavors that linger in your mouth even after you swallowed (these end-run flavors are called the wine’s finish). A long finish is one of the hallmarks of a great wine.

**BREATHE/BREATHING**

When wine is poured into another container, such as a wine glass, the admixture of the air seems to release pent-up aromas, which then become more pronounced, in many cases, as minutes even hours pass.

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## REDS

### CABERNET SAUVIGNON

		GLS	BTL
Good Night	California	7	26
Liberty School	California	8	30
75 Beckstoffer	California	10.25	39
Leese-Fitch	California		23
Hahn	California		25
Avalon	California		26
Los Vascos	Chile		27
J. Lohr Seven Oaks	California		31
Francis Coppola	California		35
Greg Norman	California		37
Justin	California		47

### MERLOT

Leese-Fitch	California	6	22
Clos du Val	California	8.75	33
Baron Philippe Rothschild	France		18
Casillero del Diablo	Chile		22
Red Diamond	Washington		22
Veramonte	Chile		23
Kunde Estate	California		25
Santa Ema	Chile		28
Heron	California		30
Chateau Ste. Michelle Indian Wells	Washington		42
St. Francis	California		47

### PINOT NOIR/BEAUJOLAIS

Castle Rock Mendocino County	California	7	26
BearBoat Russian River	California	11	42
Firesteed	Oregon		30
Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais-Villages	France		31
Estancia	California		32
Kim Crawford	New Zealand		37
Laetitia Estate Arroyo Grande	California		43
Au Bon Climat Santa Barbara	California		48
La Crema Sonoma Coast	California		54
Elk Cove Willamette Valley	Oregon		60
Sanford	California		80

### ZINFANDEL

Marietta Cellars Old Vine	California	7.75	29
Gnarly Head Old Vine	California		25
Rosenblum Cuvee	California		28
C.G. Di Arie Sierra Foothills	California		33
Rosenblum Conta Costa	California		39
Montevina Terra D'oro	California		40
Plungerhead Dry Creek	California		43
Ridge Three Valleys	California		45
St. Francis Old Vine	California		48

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		<b>GLS</b>	<b>BTL</b>
<b>SHIRAZ/SYRAH</b>			
St. Hallet Faith Shiraz	Australia	8.5	32
Rosemount Shiraz	Australia		22
Angoves Red Belly Black Shiraz	Australia		25
Peter Lehmann Shiraz	Australia		45
Renwood Syrah	California		21
Cline Syrah	California		26
E. Guigal Croze Hermitage	France		44
<b>INTRIGUING REDS</b>			
Los Cardos Malbec	Argentina	6.5	24
Stag's Leap Hands of Time	California	14.5	58
La Vieille Ferme	France		20
Norton Malbec	Argentina		25
Gascon Malbec	Argentina		26
Santa Ema Carmenere	Chile		27
Concannon Petite Sirah	California		29
Trapiche Oak Cask Malbec	Argentina		29
Brassfield Eruption	California		32
D'Arenberg The Custodian Grenache	Australia		44
<b>SPAIN/ITALY</b>			
Capezzana Conti Contini	Italy		27
Donna Laura Bramosia Chianti DOCG	Italy		32
Marques de Caceres	Spain		34
Prunotto Dolcetto D'Alba	Italy		38
Ruffino il Ducale	Italy		42
<b>MERITAGE/BORDEAUX/CLARET</b>			
Sterling Meritage	California		24
Chateau La Grange Clinet	France		33
Chateau Saint-Sulpice	France		35
Hayman & Hill Meritage	California		35
Newton Claret	California		45
Chateau d'Arcins	France		49
Primus	Chile		52
Chateau Grand Duroc Milon	France		57

“The discovery of wine is of greater moment than the discovery  
of a constellation. The universe is too full of stars.”

- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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### CHARDONNAY

		GLS	BTL
Lindemans Bin 65	Australia	5.75	22
Clos du Val	California	8.5	32
Buehler Russian River	California		26
Bouchard Macon-Villages	France		30
Glen Carlou	South Africa		33
Wild Horse	California		36
Chateau Souverain	California		41
Au Bon Climat	California		44
Rombauer	California		65
Petaluma Picadilly Valley	Australia		67

### PINOT GRIGIO/PINOT GRIS

Riff Pinot Grigio	Italy	6.75	29
Kris Pinot Grigio	Italy		29
Elk Cove Pinot Gris	Oregon		38
Pighin Pinot Grigio	Italy		41

### SAUVIGNON BLANC

Kim Crawford	New Zealand	9	36
New Harbor	New Zealand		24
Veramonte	Chile		25
Brancott	New Zealand		35
Pascal Jolivet Attitude	France		47
Hall Napa Valley	California		53

### RIESLING

Rudi Wiest Mosel River	Germany	6.5	24
Ste. Chapelle Dry	Idaho		22
Loredona	California		25
Von Buhl Jazz	Germany		36

### GEWURZTRAMINER

Pacific Rim	Washington		23
Anne Laure	France		34
Trimbach	France		39

### INTRIGUING WHITES/ROSE

Amano Moscato	Italy	6.5	25
Spanish Quarter Chardonnay-Albarino	Spain		24
Hugel Gentil	France		28
Lois Gruner Veltliner	Austria		32
Beringer White Zinfandel	California	5.5	18
La Vieille Ferme Rosé	France		18

### CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING

J. Roget	California	6	20
Roederer Estate	California		50
Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs	California		62
Veuve Clicquot Demi-Sec	France		79
Dom Perignon	France		165

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## RESERVE

		<b>BTL</b>
<b>RIESLING</b>		
Joh.Jos.Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese	Germany	65
<b>CHARDONNAY</b>		
Caymus Mer Soleil Silver	California	65
Far Niente	California	76
Cakebread	California	77
Newton Unfiltered	California	81
ZD Reserve	California	85
Joseph Drouhin Puligny-Montrachet	France	89
<b>PINOT NOIR</b>		
Gary Farrell Russian River	California	65
David Bruce Sonoma Coast	California	76
Joseph Drouhin Pommard	France	80
Dom. Maume 1er Gevrey-Chambertin	France	125
<b>SHIRAZ/SYRAH/RHONE BLENDS</b>		
Ch. Rayas Fonsalette Cotes du Rhone	France	95
Ch. Rayas Pignan Chateauneuf du Pape	France	145
<b>SPAIN/ITALY</b>		
Marques de Riscal Rioja	Spain	42
Argentiera Poggio Al Ginepri	Italy	48
Monsanto Chianti Classico Riserva	Italy	64
<b>UNIQUE RED BLENDS</b>		
BV Tapestry	California	65
Franciscan Magnificent	California	72
Rodney Strong Symmetry	California	95
Alpha Omega	California	110
Opus One	California	195
<b>MERLOT</b>		
Rombauer	California	65
Duckhorn Three Palms	California	68
Newton Unfiltered	California	79
Merryvale Reserve	California	82
Twomey	California	115
<b>CABERNET/BORDEAUX</b>		
Caravan by Darioush	California	59
Stag's Leap Artemis	California	75
Groth Oakville	California	76
Jordan	California	79
Robert Craig Mt. Veeder	California	80
Duckhorn	California	82
Chimney Rock Stag's Leap	California	84
Silver Oak Alexander	California	85
Caymus	California	86
Stag's Leap Fay	California	105
Viader	California	105
Silver Oak Napa Valley	California	115
Chateau Montelena 2005	California	130
Rubicon	California	140
Far Niente	California	140
Caymus Special Selection	California	156
Heitz Cellar	California	163